



The Art of Giving

The Will Flores Fund June 2022 Newsletter

SAVE THE DATE !

**The Will Flores Fund will present its 15th Annual
Art Show and Sale**

Sunday, September 18, 2022

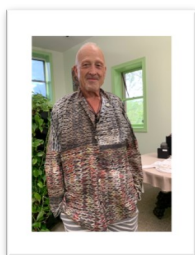
2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

21 O'Fallon Street ~ The Wm. A. Kerr Foundation

St. Louis, Missouri 63102



Like all of you, The Will Flores Fund is looking forward to normalized times. We are planning to have a real life event (our shows are such fun!) and will observe all safety precautions then in effect.



Saks Fifth Avenue Gallery Show

Christopher Schulte, the founder, principal artist, and chair of The Will Flores Fund, is being showcased by the Saks Fifth Avenue Gallery as a preeminent local artist in a gallery exhibit at its Frontenac Plaza Store, lower level.

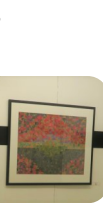
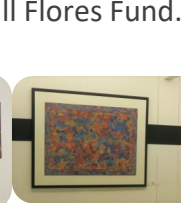
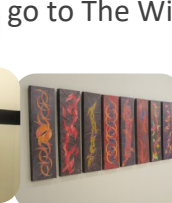
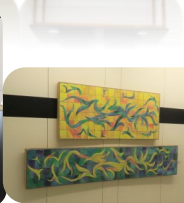
(Enter directly through garage level or take escalator from store first floor. Noon 'till 6 pm.)

The exhibit is a tour de force, revealing the breadth and the variety of Christopher's artistic vision (this exhibit shows only a portion of the body of his work and this space shows only a portion of the exhibit),

and the gallery itself is a lovely meditative space that lets you wander and enjoy.

The exhibit will be up through June (and perhaps July) and is free of charge.

All proceeds from the sale of the art go to The Will Flores Fund.



We sell real art at prices real people can afford to help real people in need.

In September of 2021, we resumed our in-person sale, rearranging the space and our check-out lines to promote social distancing. As we expected, our audience was cautious because of the continuing pandemic and was smaller than usual. Nonetheless, the attendees were enthusiastic and our supporters bought and our sponsors donated enough to allow us to provide grants to the following charitable and nonprofit organizations:

Bilingual International Assistance Services
City Garden Montessori School
Crisis Nursery
Hawthorn Leadership Academy
IHELP - Immigrant Home English Learning Program
Inside Dharma
NorthSide Community School
Operation Food Search
Outside Literary Magazine
Oxygen Project
Perennial
Prison Performing Arts
St. Louis Metro Market
As well as 10 food pantries.

Our grants of \$ 200 to \$ 1,500 make an enormous difference to these small charitable organizations as evidenced by their thank you notes. Here are some:

"Your investment in our students is impacting the lives of children, their families, and the community here in North St. Louis throughout the holiday season and beyond... Thank you for caring."~~ North Side Community School

"Thank you for this impactful gift for Metro Market. You are making an impact in the lives of our most vulnerable here."
~~Operation Food Search for Metro Market

"...Thank you very much for your donation for our agency's upcoming Season of Giving Project. ...This year's support will allow us to implement a quality event... your assistance is more important than ever before."~~Bilingual International Assistant Services

"Your generous funding allows us to reach more individuals in our community with our hybrid model of virtual and in-person classes."~~Immigrant Home English Learning Program

"Your contribution has made a great difference in how we serve the community, from food on the table to clothes on the body."
~~ City Hope Bible Church Food Pantry

"Thank you for your continuing care for our mission and students....Your gift will help [our] adult learners to be trained and certified to teach Montessori... ." ~~City Garden Montessori School

"The Oxygen Project was ecstatic to receive the grant... to build our youth yoga kits. We are so very grateful for the work you do in our community and for your generous support of our work." ~~The Oxygen Project Team

"Times are difficult and ... we stand in awe that you would choose to support us.....Your donation ... will be used to purchase gloves, scarves, socks, sleeping bags and tents for those most in need, those without homes, who catch buses or who work outside....thank you, thank you, thank you." ~~ New Journey Baptist Church Food Pantry

"We were overwhelmed with your generosity...We had a great need for a couple of roll around carts for our guests to push while shopping [from our clothes closet and food pantry and for laundry] and if you don't mind we'd like to use the [grant] to buy them. ...Thank you will never be enough." ~~Love in Action Food Pantry

"Thank you so much for your thoughtful gift and know that it will help the children of our community as we weather this crisis with grace, dignity and the least amount of suffering." ~~The Crisis Nursery

"Your contribution ...will help RCC continue helping single mothers and fathers, elders, those with physical disabilities, recent immigrants, those who are unemployed or underemployed and all who face the stress of food insecurity and nutrition inadequacy."
~~Ritenour Co-Care Food Pantry

"Your organization made our day! ... I cannot tell you how much we appreciate your support of our efforts of feeding the communities during COVID-19 and beyond." ~~Soup-N-Share Outreach program

THANK YOU!



Za Goodbrake, Jori Martinez, Carol Eder



Za Goodbrake



Dave Toben



Kurt & Dir. Cathy Vogel, MK Hachegechog



Carol Eder



Carrie & Mike Whipkey



Dir. Doug Anderson



Bruce Shoults, Dir. Karen



Frank Jambrosic



Thomas Adams



Five directors with no paid staff could never pull the event off each year without the help of our dedicated volunteers. These generous folks knock themselves out cleaning the donated space at 21 O'Fallon Street, painting pedestals and movable walls and mounting the exhibit. And then, showing up for the Show & Sale itself to mingle with guests, keep track of their purchases, and check everyone out. And then—tear down the show. Whew!

And all this for the pleasure of the first glimpse of the Show and sale priority, and for the fun of the party and interactions with people who like art and doing good.

Here are some of those volunteers. We know we missed taking a photo of a bunch of you—our apologies—Some of you are shy and others were just busy. But thank you to you all who volunteered to be volunteers—

Alynn McManus, Bruce Shoults, Dave Toben, Carrie Whipkey, Chris Scherting, Denise Mandle, Frank Jambrosic, Gina Marten, Mary Kathleen Hachegechog, Laura Walter, Liz Issit, MaryPat Ehlmann, Melanie Klug, Melinda Ligon, Carrie Whipkey, Mike Whipkey, Nancy Kuczor-Uline, Sharon McClinton, Jori Martinez-Woods, Shawn Nordell, Susan Linhardt, Thomas Adams, Corinne Farill, Garlanda Davis, Ingrid Borecki, Jane Sauer, Darlene Smith, Julie Hawken

Contact Cathy Vogel at cvogel@ehi.com to join the fun.



Garlanda Davis, Dave Toben, Frank Jambrosic, Julie Hawken



Troy Aiken Christopher Schulte

Then there are those who donate time and money to benefit the organization who, over the years, since our inception in 2007, have contributed their resources each year to make the Show & Sale a success. We are especially grateful to: Dr. John Sweet of the Wm. A. Kerr Foundation, Garry McMichael, Bruce Shoults, and Patricia Keating & Jim Hettenhaus.

We also acknowledge the continuing generosity of those Friends who have donated money or art, or both: Anonymous, Susan Adolf, Linda Becker, Richard Bell, Matt Blakely and Navid Parsi, Joseph and Mary Colagiovanni, Alan Eastman, The Enterprise Holdings Foundation, Jackson Pianos, David Keys, Carol & William Mattson, Jack and Bonnie McMullin-Lawton, Debbie Nuernberger, Philomena Slater, Bruce Shoults and David Toben, Trader Joe's, Lenita & Henk Van der Werff, and Pat Willmering

And those who have contributed goods and services—internet expertise, wine, hors d'oeuvres, music, special sale items, and contributions from private collections: Karen Martinez, Carlin Issitt & Jason Main, Carol Eder, Za Goodbrake, Joanne Kluba, Lyn Magee, Jean Daniel-Gentry & Hal Gentry, Sharon McClinton, Nina Ganci, January Kiefer, The Wilson Collection

We know there are many unacknowledged here who have made small contributions or rounded up their purchase prices to add a donation to the Fund and our thanks go to them as well.

And, of course, The Will Flores Fund is grateful to the artists who have been so generous with their talent and to you, our readers, who attend the Show & Sale and make the purchases that enable us to fulfill our Mission each year.

CALL FOR ART!

Every year at about this time the Board of The Will Flores Fund reaches out to our local artists and ask for donations of their work to our annual Show & Sale.

We are asking you to donate small pieces of original art that we can price from \$30 to \$150— There's no limit to the kind of art we'd like to have— paintings, fabric, mosaic, photographs, ceramics and sculpture— things that brought joy to you in their creation and will bring joy to their buyers.

Those of you familiar with The Will Flores Fund know that we hold the Show & Sale in the fall— this year it's on **Sunday, September 18**— and we mount the donated art in the gallery-like setting of the William F. Kerr building, a beautiful historic LEEDS- restored former sugar factory located at 21 O'Fallon Street near the riverfront.

We have a party, with wine & beer, hors d'oeuvres, activities for the kids, and music — all of that with art that's real and affordable— and we have a grand time.

And then the Board members have an even better time giving away our sales proceeds to deserving charitable organizations for whom a \$200 or \$1,500 grant makes all the difference in the world. Take a look at the list of our beneficiaries in 2021 listed on page 2.

Even though it was our first in-person sale since the pandemic began, we were able to help 13 deserving and needy organizations and ten food pantries.

OUR DEADLINE FOR DONATING THE ART IS SEPTEMBER 10.

Contact Kim Sindel at kimsindel@gmail.com to join the artists' team and arrange for pick-up of art.

Our Artists— the ones who really make this happen by sharing their joy of creation with us and you.

These are the artists who have responded to our call for art in the past, often for many years, and those who are new

Susan Saxton	Emily Long	Jerry Miller
Carlyn Main	A Warfield	Jackie Causey
Lyn Magee	Dawn Gilbertson	Suzanne McCudden
January Kiefer	Jean Joel	Karen Hizer
Carol Corey	Jane Wees Martin	Nina Ganci
Paul Breuer	Joyce Yarbrough	Bill Kramer
Jorge Martinez	Richard Bell	Troy Aiken
Jim Pegg	Mary Norton	Bruce Shoults
Karen Elshout	Kim Sindel	Christopher Schulte
Gil Fisher	Heather Bennett	Collaborators with Christopher: Dean Reibling, Jim Ibur, Troy Aiken, Jen Kaplin, Larry Smith
Joanne Kluba	Larry Smith	
Jim Brainerd	Norleen Nosri	
Courtney Johnson	Sara Burke	

If you know of, or participate in, a deserving not-for-profit or volunteer organization which can use some help with its mission, encourage it to submit a grant application to us by November 1, 2022.

Our requirements are not onerous; we don't require a lot of forms or paperwork, just a description of the organization (and a copy of its 501(c) (3) designation if it has one), the intended use of the grant and, as a follow-up, a narrative of how you used the grant —and pictures if you have them.

The Will Flores Fund is a Missouri 501(c)(3) tax exempt corporation and donates more than 90% of its net sales proceeds and donations to deserving community organizations.

NOVEMBER 1, 2022 DEADLINE FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS

Community Organizations are encouraged to submit applications for funding for 2023.
Applications and information are available at www.willfloresfund.org.
Applications must be post-marked or delivered by November 1, 2021
Questions? Contact
Christopher@willfloresfund.org